

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6

, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1296

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the expansion of hydrogen-based energy in Hawaii by:

- (1) Designating the Director of the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies of the High Technology Development Corporation as the State Hydrogen Implementation Coordinator to facilitate the establishment of hydrogen energy infrastructure and policies;
- (2) Requiring the State Hydrogen Implementation Coordinator to convene a Hydrogen Implementation Working Group and submit a report of the working group's findings to the Legislature; and
- (3) Amending the expenditure authorization for the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund to specify that it shall fund the implementation of hydrogen infrastructure.



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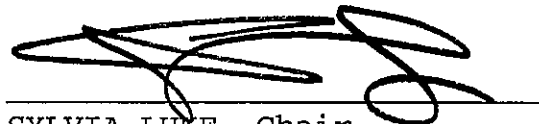
The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Blue Planet Research, Hawaii Clean Energy Foundation, and a concerned individual provided testimony supporting this measure. The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Life of the Land, and High Technology Development Corporation submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to allow for further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1296 , HD1	Committee Referral: EEP , FIN	Date: 2/27/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			/
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
14. POUHA, Feki	/			
15. WARD, Gene	/			/
TOTAL (15)	13			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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